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X An Amendment and Response (11 pgs. including Version with Markings to Show Changes Made);
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2002, Applicant responds as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. A computer readable medium for controlling the operation of an automated machine, the computer readable medium comprising machine readable instructions for causing a computer to perform a method comprising:

issuing a command set to initiate a plurality of nucleic acid isolation functions by a nucleic acid isolation apparatus, wherein the nucleic acid isolation functions comprise:

loading a vessel into a centrifuge;

centrifuging a sample;